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Homicide suspect arrested in Colorado

Suspect wanted in November 8, 2007 stabbing death of repair store owner

Riverside, CA -- The suspect in the November 8 stabbing death of 41-year-old repair store owner is under arrest in Lincoln County, Colorado, in connection with an unrelated carjacking incident in Banning on November 17.

Suspect Richard Anthony ZUBIATE Jr., 21, was apprehended on December 3 in Limon, Colorado, after a concerned citizen phoned local authorities when she overheard Zubiate make a comment about not wanting to go to prison. Zubiate was arrested with girlfriend, Joanne Powderell, who was not involved in the homicide.

On Nov. 8, Zubiate was loitering outside a Magnolia Avenue strip mall about 9 p.m. when he approached victim Mohammad Nayek Shkoukani, 41, with an intent to rob the victim. Investigation indicates that Shkoukani resisted the robbery and was stabbed multiple times by Zubiate, who fled the scene on foot.

Witness statements and additional evidence tied Zubiate to the crime. The apparent murder weapon was recovered near the scene.

Zubiate is in custody in the Lincoln County Jail in Hugo, CO, on charges of possession of stolen property in relation to the carjacking. Riverside Police homicide detectives interviewed the suspect Thursday, December 6.

After his Colorado court date, December 11, Zubiate is expected to be returned to Riverside where he will face charges of homicide and attempted robbery for the Nov. 8 Riverside case and kidnapping, carjacking and robbery for the Nov. 17 Banning case.



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Richard Zubiate Jr.

